GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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GRANTS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN FPIS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided grants for research to any Research and Development institutions to promote food processing system in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the results achieved out of such grants including the application of such research for promotion of Food Processing Industries (FPIs);

(c) whether cases of misuse of such funds has been reported; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to curb misuse of funds along with the measures taken to get back the sanctioned amount so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) provides grant-in-aid for research in food processing under the Scheme for Quality Assurance, Codex Standards, Research & Development and other Promotional Activities.

(b):During the last three years and the current year, the following number of R&D projects were approved for assistance:-

S. No	Year	No. of Projects approved	Grant-in-aid released (Rs. in Crores)
1.	2010-11	10	5.60
2.	2011-12	14	6.38
3.	2012-13	36 (##)	9.85
4.	2013-14 (till 20.8. 2013)	14(##)	7.90
	Total	74	29.73 @

(##) includes projects assisted by Science and Engineering Research Board

(SERB), Department of Science and Technology, which is implementing the R&D scheme of this Ministry during 12th plan. @ (Grant-in-aid released includes assistance for new projects approved as well as for on-going projects)

State-wise list of projects approved by MoFPI may be seen at Annexure.

The specific outcome of the R&D scheme is to create a shelf of technologies and innovative products, which will be available to industry for commercialization. These projects are also aimed at enabling the scientific community to understand and work with the issues in the food science area with a view to evolve technological solutions and new products and processes. This in turn is expected to give momentum to growth of Food Processing Industry.

(c): No such case has been reported so far.

(d): Does not arise.